

The Officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows :—

Churchwardens—Edward Marion Chadwick and Stephen Lett, M.D.
Sidesmen—Messrs. Murray, Boswell, Spratt, Close, Cowan, Harvard, Henderson, Street, F. Cayley, Arnoldi, Bruce Harman, Lough, Browne, Beverly Jones, and Charles Foster. *Members of Tribunal for Settling Register of Voters*—Richard Snelling, LL.D., and D'Alton McCarthy, Q.C.
Auditors—J. S. McMurray and John Crickmore.

A vote of thanks was passed to the members of the Choir and Mr. Whiteley, and a similar compliment was paid to the Churchwardens, and the meeting then adjourned.

The Meeting of Electors for Representatives in the Diocesan Synod was then held, at which Messrs. H. W. M. Murray, A. R. Boswell, and E. M. Chadwick were elected, there being no other nominations.

The adjourned Vestry Meeting was held on Monday, 24th April, the Rector in the Chair. The Auditors' Report not being ready to present to this meeting it was ordered that the same should be handed to the Rector to be laid before the next meeting of the Vestry. The meeting then adjourned.

OUR FINANCES.

THE accounts presented at the Easter Meetings shew, on the whole, a fairly satisfactory result of our year's work, considered from a financial point of view. We have raised in the Parish for Church work of all kinds a total sum of \$6200, of which \$1473 represents the important branch of Missionary and charitable work. This item is less than last year by \$234, the difference being in exceptional amounts specially raised last year. We regret that the Churchwardens should have found themselves unable to reduce the debt, the money which should have been so applied having been necessarily used in wiping out the deficit balance with which the year's accounts commenced. We hope the coming year will result differently in this respect.

The Offertory during the past year shewed an increased average for Sunday over the previous year of about \$3. This was not the case throughout the year, however. From Easter, 1881, to the beginning of June, there was an increase over the previous year, and from that date there was a considerable falling off as compared with the summer of 1880, which continued until September, when there was a marked improvement in the average, and from the end of November the increase over the corresponding period of the previous year has been sufficient to counter-balance the previous falling off, and produce the final result which we have stated. We mention these particulars, as there has been some discussion on this subject, and we believe that several members of the congregation will find them interesting.

The total amount given through the Offertory does not compare favourably with some other Churches, and we cannot consider it very creditable to us, more especially as more than one-fifth of it is in fact composed of the contributions of one-fifteenth part of the congregation. We surely may express a hope that the coming year will show an improvement in this respect. It should not only be borne in mind that the Offertory is our main source of income for Parochial maintenance, but a higher view should be taken of it that it is a gauge of the sdiritual life of a congregation, and of the thankfulness felt for privileges and blessings enjoyed.